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Crossed a line

Barry Dalrymple, either as councillor for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank or as a member of the Fall River community hall's board of directors, is way out of line in trying to obstruct free speech for a discussion group that meets at the hall. Mr. Dalrymple is free to agree or disagree with the objectives of Occupy Nova Scotia, but to try to prevent a citizens' group from having a discussion with a member of the Occupy movement is completely inappropriate.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees everyone freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, and freedom of peaceful assembly. Politicians or community leaders at any level should not take it upon themselves to make decisions that attempt to restrict the opportunities for their constituents to learn, discuss, meet, educate, and inform themselves about any topic they choose.

Dalrymple has crossed a line that should never be transgressed in a free society: He should resign forthwith.

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